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SUBJECT: GULF OIL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1. ROK MEDIA THUS FAR HAVE AVOIDED ANY MENTION
WHATSOEVER OF GULF OIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESIDENT
PAK'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. ROKG HAS QUITE CLEARLY
KILLED STORY, AND UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE 9
CIRCUMSTANCES, ITS ORDERS LIKELY TO BE OBSERVED.

2. STORY, HOWEVER, WHICH HAS BEEN FEATURED ON AFKN
AND IN STARS AND STRIPES, IS WIDELY KNOWN BY SEOUL
INTELLECTUALS. INITIAL REACTIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO PICK UP INDICATE THAT ISSUE HAS ENGENDERED
LITTLE SURPRISE. ALTHOUGH AMOUNTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS
LARGE BY KOREAN STANDARDS, POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS
IRREGULARITIES ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

3. GIVEN WIDESPREAD KNOWLEDGE OF STORY THERE IS SLIGHT
POSSIBILITY THAT ROKG MAY FEEL OBLIGED TO PUT OUT ITS
OWN VERSION.
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